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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 40, 42-45, and 48 and amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A payload isolation system for isolating a payload from a base structure upon which the payload is supported, the payload isolation system comprising:
- motion constraint means for maintaining a parallel relationship between the payload and the base structure throughout a range of motion; and
  - support means being deformable along the range of motion for providing vertical and/or lateral support of the payload relative to the base structure such that the

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